

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following replacement paragraph [0013]:

[0013] A LinkPersistence ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property may control how changes to the linked object are handled. If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property is specified as “metadata”, then the metadata of the object is retrieved and persisted. The metadata is not allowed to change until the next time the object is processed or altered. If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ ~~property~~ is specified as “data” or “fully persisted”, then the metadata and data of the object are is retrieved and persisted. If the LinkPersistence property is specified as “not persisted”, then neither metadata nor data is persisted. The object is fully dynamic and any change made to the source object is propagated to the linked object.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following replacement paragraph [0017]:

[0017] FIG. 2 illustrates an exemplary data analysis system;

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following replacement paragraph [0025]:

[0025] A LinkPersistence ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property may control how changes to the linked object are handled. If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property is specified as “metadata”, then the metadata of the object is retrieved and persisted. The metadata is not allowed to change until the next time the object is processed or altered. If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ ~~property~~ is specified as “data” or “fully persisted”, then the metadata and data of the object are is retrieved and persisted. If the LinkPersistence property is specified as “not persisted”, then neither metadata nor data is persisted. The object is fully dynamic and any change made to the source object (database A) is propagated to the linked object (database B).

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following replacement paragraph [0054]:

[0054] A LinkPersistence ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property may control how changes to the linked object are handled. If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ ~~LinkedPersistence~~ property is specified as “metadata”, then the metadata of the object is retrieved and persisted. In this case, if the structure of the data on the publisher is changed, the changes may not be seen by the subscriber. For example, if another dimension is added to the database, the new

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dimension will not be seen by the subscriber. The metadata on the subscriber is not changed until the next time the object is processed or altered.

Please replace paragraph [0055] with the following replacement paragraph [0055]:

[0055] If the LinkPersistence ~~property~~ property is specified as “data” or “fully persisted”, then the metadata and data of the object are ~~is~~ retrieved and persisted. In this case, many of the files are transferred from the publisher to the subscriber. The version of the transferred files is also persisted.